विनिर्माताओं में प्रतिस्पर्धा बढ़ेगी जिससे दवाइयों की कीमतों में कमी होगी। किन्तु सामान्यतः कीमतों का रूख, आर एण्ड डी की उच्च लागत तथा शुरू हुए नए उत्पादों की आरम्भिक विपणन लागतों को भी ध्यान में रखा जाना चाहिये।

Dealership and distributorship of Public Sector Fertiliser Companies

1125. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that as a policy matter, dealership/distributorship of public sector fertiliser companies are given through due advertisement and proper procedure; and

(b) whether any complaint has been received about irregularities and corruption in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) According to information available, fertiliser manufacturing Public Sector Companies have been appointing dealers/distributors by following procedure laid down by them including that of inviting application through press advertisment.

(b) Paradeep Phosphate Limited (PPL) and National Fertilisers Limited (NFL) have reportedly received one complaint each and respective managements are investigating into it.

Deforestation in Maharashtra

1126. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Governemnt's consideration for deforestation of forest land in Maharashtra;

(b) the districts covered under this scheme, and the details thereof district-wise and region-wise;

(c) the projects to benefited under the proposed scheme; and

(d) the other States who have put such proposals before the Central Governent and the action they have taken in the matter, State-wise and region-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) As on 31.10.1997, a total number of 962 proposals have been received from the State Government of Maharashtra for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes, under the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) These proposals pertain to the use of forest land for various development projects such as irrigation, mining, transmission lines, roads, drinking water supply, etc.

(d) Similar proposals for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have been received from other State/U.T. Governments also. As on 31.10.1997 a total number of 7844 proposals were received by the Ministry under the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 from various State/U.T. Governments. A statement showing Statewise status of these proposals is annexed.

[See Appendix 182, Annexure No. 30]

Location for Delhi Bottling Company Limited

1127. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Bottling Company Limited, located at 60, Shivaji Marg, Delhi 110 015 has obtained the consent from the Central/Delhi Pollution Control Board for operation; and